

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN  
SOUTHERN DIVISION

In re:

Case No. 23-49061

RICHARD HARRY CLARK, *pro se*,

Chapter 7

Debtor.

Judge Thomas J. Tucker

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**ORDER DENYING, AS MOOT, THE DEBTOR'S MOTION TO INCUR DEBT FOR  
TRANSCRIPTS FOR COURT OF APPEALS, AND CANCELLING  
THE SEPTEMBER 26, 2024 HEARING**

On July 8, 2024, while this Chapter 7 case was still in Chapter 13, the Debtor filed a motion entitled “Debtor’s Motion to Incur Debt for Transcripts for Court of Appeals” (Docket # 100, the “Motion”). The Motion seeks authority to incur debt and to “start a Go Fund Me page to raise the necessary funds” to pay for numerous state court trial transcripts to be filed in two Michigan Court of Appeals cases. (Mot. at ¶¶ 3, 8.) On July 22, 2024, creditor Jillian Clark filed a response objecting to the Motion (Docket # 106). On August 27, 2024, the Court entered an Order that denied the Motion to the extent it sought authority to incur debt, and ordered further proceedings regarding the remainder of the Motion. (Docket # 124).

On August 29, 2024, the Debtor voluntarily converted this case to Chapter 7 (Docket # 125). The conversion of this case to Chapter 7 moots the unresolved part of the Motion. This is so because there is no apparent reason why the Debtor needs authority from this Court to seek to raise funds by establishing a GoFundMe account. Going forward in this Chapter 7 case, funds raised by a GoFundMe effort by the Debtor will not be property of the bankruptcy estate, as they may have been if this case had remained in Chapter 13.

Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The Motion (Docket # 100) is denied, as moot.
2. The telephonic hearing on the Motion that is currently scheduled for September 26, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. is cancelled.

**Signed on September 6, 2024**



/s/ **Thomas J. Tucker**

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**Thomas J. Tucker**  
**United States Bankruptcy Judge**